



## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

### MEETING SUMMARY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PARTICIPATION BY REMOTE ACCESS DUE TO DE COVID-19 GUIDELINES

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#### **Announcement of participating CEC Members and acknowledgement of absences**

– The following CEC members were absent: Bobbe Stephan and Kent Stephan: Chris Keefe attended from the public

#### **Review and approval of SEPTEMBER 25, 2020, CEC Meeting**

**Summary** – Donna Farrow offered a motion to approve the 9-25-20 CEC Meeting summary which was seconded by Mo Webster. The summary was unanimously approved.

#### **CEC Comments or Public Comments –**

- Sue Callaway commented that she received an email from an SB Adopter asking that the signs be removed as the program is stable. She stated that this reminded her of previous discussions regarding the condition of the signs. The CEC members were in full support of keeping signs as it promoted the program and the volunteers. The group agreed however that more permanent or upgraded signs were needed. After discussion, Susan Spingler offered to pursue the costs of rocks and Sue Callaway agreed to look into the costs of pilings. Each of these options would have a permanent generic sign/plaque placed securely onto the rock or piling announcing the program but

not the specific adopter's name as the adoption sponsor is subject to future changes. The remaining FY Adopt funds will cover any costs associated with the new signs.

**Update:** Pilings are available at a new build on Bayshore Drive; Susan Spingler is reaching out to McCarthy stones for a contribution.

**Update from Public Works – Jon Stifler** – Jon summarized the following tasks: Additional dog waste stations have been placed on Canal Drive; Christmas lights have been installed and will be turned on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving; repainting and repairing trash can receptacles on Ocean Drive; Rt. 1 and S. 5<sup>th</sup> street pump station being replaced; no updates on the installation of the Route 1 lights

- Ingrid Moore will work with Rick Gentile in the spring cleaning up the Richard Hall Park garden; Rick will also be working on the pedestrian walkway gardens; adopt gardens along Route 1; circle beds and Route 1 median rain gardens. Some of the timing on this work will be influenced by the Route 1 median lighting initiative conducted by DelDOT
- Carol Stevenson asked about tree trimming
- Sue Callaway asked about the process for tree trimming of limbs hanging over canal

**Update on CEC FY 2021 Budget** – Sue Callaway announced that there is \$3,860 remaining in the FY 2021 budget. Sue asked the group if they would like to move forward with planning the scheduled June "Art in the Hall" event that was included in the current CEC budget. The group unanimously agreed that due to COVID-19 it would not be possible to host the "Art in the Hall" indoors. With that being said, Sue Callaway brought the discussion back to the suggestion by the BB-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce to have SB sponsor an Artisan Show on September 11<sup>th</sup> along the Route 1 pedestrian path. This event – which could include "Art in the Hall" participants - was discussed briefly at the September 25<sup>th</sup> CEC meeting. It would be held the same day as the BB Boardwalk Art Festival and the local Seize the Day evening parade. Sue had a follow-up conversation with Chamber Executive Director Lauren Weaver on November 18<sup>th</sup> that provided more details. During that call, Lauren confirmed what the responsibilities of the Chamber and SB were for such

an event. She also confirmed that sponsorship costs would range from \$2500 to \$5000. The group was generally excited about the event and the positives for the SB community however concern was expressed about the following items: logistics of parking and Route 1 traffic and pedestrians; event being held the same day as the Bethany Beach Art Show; and philanthropic selection. They also discussed the need for town employee support especially the police and public works departments. A straw vote yielded a split on moving forward with the event. Sue stated that she thought such an event required town support and sponsorship and would present the idea at the December Town Council workshop to evaluate member enthusiasm and financial support for such an event.

**Update:** On Monday, November 23, Sue Callaway had a conversation with Town Manager Maureen Hartman to review the CEC opinions and Lauren Weaver's overview of such an event. It was agreed to place the discussion of the proposed event on the December 17<sup>th</sup> Town Council Workshop. Sue will prepare a summary of the event for Council Members prior to the meeting.

**CEC FY22 Budget and discussion of future initiatives** – The group reviewed the following list of suggested ideas for South Bethany projects to be included in the FY22 CEC budget: bicycle repair station; Bocce ball area; large American flags (similar to what is displayed at Lord Baltimore Elementary School) to be placed on holidays; lined pickleball court in the employee parking area; putting green; or horseshoes. The group agreed to get estimates on construction of the bocce ball court and the pickleball court and the American flags. The group agreed to hold a brief CEC meeting on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to gather updates on the associated costs and locations of proposed initiatives.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am after a motion by Ingrid Moore and a second by Susan Spingler. The group unanimously agreed to adjourn.